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INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-07 /018 W
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R 100855Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4994

UNCLAS ALGIERS 1961

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, BENC, AG
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROFECT: HASSI R'NEL - ARZEW PIPELINE

REFS: A) ALGIERS 0129, (B) ALGIERS 1664, (C) STATE 190264

1. EMBASSY SO FAR NOR RPT NOT ABLE GET COMPLETE OR SATISFACTORY ANSWERS QUESTIONSPOSED REF (C).

2. AVAILABELE INFORMATION FOLLOWS:
(A) CONTACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION OF PIPELINE HAS BEEN AWARDED.
(B) DO NOT KNOW WHO GOT CONTRACT, BUT IT IS NOT RPT NOT U.S. FIRM.
(C) DO NOT KNOW WHO DOING DESIGN/ENGINEERING WORK, BUT IT ALSO NOT U.S. FIRM.
(D) GOA OFFICIALS APPEAR PUZZLED BY QUESTION, "AT WHICH LNG FACILITY DOES THE PIPELINE STOP?" . THEIR ONLY RESPONSE IS THAT IT STOPS AT ARZEW. READING SONATRACH EXPANSION PLANS, IT APPEARS THAT ONLY ONE NEW PIPELINE ENVISAGED; THEREFORE IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS LINE, AFTER EXPANSION (SEE BELOW), WILL SERVICE ALL NOW LNG FACILITIES, PRESUMBLY THROUGH A DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FROM ARZEW TERMINAL.
(E) TENDER DESCRIBED REF B WAS POORLY WORDED. NUMERAL 40 DID NOT RPT NOT MEAN NUMBER 40; IT REFERED TO THE 40 INCH LINE (SAME LINE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND CITED IN REF A) TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE EXISTING 24 INCH LINE. FUTHERMORE, TENDER IS NOT RPT NOT FOR "EXTENSION" OF LINE, AS STATED; IT IS, RATHER, FOR EXPANSION OF FLOW-THROUGH CAPACITY BY THE INSTALLATION F FIVE PUMPING STATIONS ALONG PIPE LINE ROUTE.
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3. LAST WEEK SONATRACH ISSUED NEW NOTICE RE EXPANSION PROJECT (REFB). NOTICE ADVISES THAT TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL COST 1,000 DA (DOLS. 239.64), AVAILABLE ONLY TO INTERESTED FIRMS. TO OBTAIN TENDER DOCUMENTS, SONATRACH REQUESTS FIRMS WRITE OR SEND REPRESENTATIVE SOONEST TO : SONATRACH, 10 RUE DU SAHARA, HYDRA, ALGIERS, ALGERIA; TELEX: SONEC 52375 DZ. DEADLINE IS 10/01/76.
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